

Politics and Policies in the U.S. Health Care System

PM 420 / History 305/405

Fall 2001

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Required Books:

Starr, Paul - THE SOCIAL TRANSFORMATION OF AMERICAN MEDICINE

Marmor, Theodore - THE POLITICS OF MEDICARE (2nd edition)

Copies of Starr and Marmor are available at the River Campus and Medical Center bookstores. Other readings will be included in a bound course reader or in folders, both on reserve in the Department of Community and Preventive Medicine. All course readings other than Starr and Marmor will also be available on electronic reserve at Rush Rhees Library.

Seminar Participation and Grading:

This is a seminar course in which active student participation is expected and evaluated as an important component of the course grade. The other major component of the grade is the evaluation of a c. 20-page research paper. To help prepare for this long paper, students will be required to submit a short, 5-page paper by October 12. This paper will be used primarily to assess students' writing skills but may also be used to explore possible topics for the longer research paper. The research paper could be devoted to an intensive study of an institution, a piece of legislation or an administrative policy, or the emergence of new organizational arrangements in the health care system. Topics are to be negotiated between student and instructor, and **all** term papers should be discussed in detail with the instructor well before final drafting.

The finished draft of the term paper should be handed in no later than Tuesday, December 17. There will be no examinations. Final course grades will not be released until the anonymous course evaluations have been turned in at the end of the semester.

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1. Introduction and Orientation (9/4)

Starr, Social Transformation, pp. 79-144 [optional].

2. Battles Over the Reorganization of Medical Care (9/11)

Starr, Social Transformation, pp. 235-270.

Daniel Fox, Health Policies, Health Politics, pp. ix-xi, 15-20, 37-51.

Committee on the Costs of Medical Care, Medical Care for the American People, pp. v-xii, 104-144, 152-183, 201. (+)

3. From the New Deal to the Cold War (9/18)

Starr, Social Transformation, pp. 270-334.

Thomas Kochan et. al., The Transformation of American Industrial Relations, pp. 21-46.

Dan Feshbach, "What's Inside the Black Box: A Case Study of Allocative Politics in the Hill-Burton Program," Int. J. Health Services, 9 (1979), pp. 313-339.

4. Promotion of Research and its Consequences (9/25)

Starr, Social Transformation, pp. 335-363.

Stephen Strickland, "Integration of Medical Research and Health Policies," Science, 173 (1971), pp. 1093-1103.

William G. Rothstein, American Medical Schools and the Practice of Medicine, pp. 220-255.

5. The Coming of Medicare and Medicaid (10/2)

Marmor, The Politics of Medicare, pp. xxiii-61, 87-92.

6. Rising Costs, "Crisis," and Personal Responsibility (10/9)

Starr, Social Transformation, pp. 379-393, 408-411.

Robert Crawford, "Individual Responsibility and Health Politics in the 1970s," in Susan Reverby and David Rosner (eds.), Health Care in America, pp. 247-268.

John Knowles, "The Responsibility of the Individual," in John Knowles (ed.), Doing Better and Feeling Worse, pp. 57-80. (+)

John B. McKinlay and Sonja M. McKinlay, "The Questionable Contribution of Medical Measures to the Decline of Mortality in the United States in the Twentieth Century," The Milbank Quarterly, 55 (1977), pp. 405-428.

7. Health Policy in the Seventies (10/16)

Starr, Social Transformation, pp. 393-408.

Daniel Fox, "Health Policy and the Politics of Research in the United States," Journal of Health Politics, Policy and Law, 15 (1990), pp. 481-499. (+)

John Wennberg and Alan Gittelsohn, "Small Area Variations in Health Care Delivery," Science, 182 (1973), pp. 1102-1108.

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Evan Melhado, "Economists, Public Provision, and the Market: Changing Values in Public Debate," Journal of Health Politics, Policy and Law, 23 (1998), pp. 215-263 [skim].(+)

8. The Eighties: The New Health Care Market (10/23)

Starr, Social Transformation, pp. 411-444.

Clark C. Havighurst, "Controlling Health Care Costs: Strengthening the Private Sector's Hand," Journal of Health Politics, Policy and Law, 1 (1976), pp. 471-498.

Alain C. Enthoven, "Consumer-Choice Health Plan," (Part I), New England Journal of Medicine, 298 (1978), pp. 650-658.
Alain C. Enthoven, "Consumer-Choice Health Plan," (Part II), New England Journal of Medicine, 298 (1978), pp. 709-720.

David A. Stockman, "Premises for a Medical Marketplace," Health Affairs, 1 (1981), pp. 5-18. (+)

9. The Eighties: Health Care Consequences (10/30)

Nicole Lurie et. al., "Termination from Medi-Cal: Does It Affect Health?", New England Journal of Medicine, 311 (1984), pp. 480-484.

Arden Miller, "Infant Mortality in the U.S.," Scientific American, 253 (July 1985), pp. 31-35.

Gregory L. Lindberg et. al., "Health Care Cost Containment Measures and Mortality," Am. J. Public Health, 79 (1989), pp. 1481-1485.

Sandra Tanenbaum, "Medicaid Eligibility Policy in the 1980s: Medical Utilitarianism and the 'Deserving' Poor," Journal of Health Politics, Policy and Law, 20 (1995), pp. 933-954. (+)
Laura-Mae Baldwin, et. al., "The Effect of Expanding Medicaid Parental Services on Birth Outcomes," American Journal of Public Health, 88 (1998), pp. 1623-1629. (+)

10. National Health Insurance Revisited - I (11/6)

Emily Friedman, "The Uninsured: From Dilemma to Crisis," JAMA, 265 (1991), pp. 2491-2495.

Kevin Grumbach et. al., "Liberal Benefits, Conservative Spending," JAMA, 265 (1991), pp. 2549-2554.

James S. Todd et. al., "Health Access America," JAMA, 265 (1991), pp. 2503-2506.

Marcia Angell et. al., "The Presidential Candidates and Health Care Reform," New England Journal of Medicine, 327 (1992), pp. 800-811.

11. National Health Insurance Revisited - II (11/13)

Paul Starr and Walter A. Zelman, "A Bridge to Compromise: Competition Under a Budget," Health Affairs, Summer

Supplement, 1993, pp. 7-23. (+)
American Medical Association, "The AMA's Analysis of the Clinton Plan," (September 1993).

Howard Waitzkin, "The Strange Career of Managed Competition: From Military Failure to Medical Success?", American Journal of Public Health, 84 (1994), pp. 482-489.

Alain C. Enthoven, "Commentary: Setting the Record Straight- A Reply to Howard Waitzkin," American Journal of Public Health, 84 (1994), pp. 490-492.

Howard Waitzkin, "A Rejoinder from Waitzkin," American Journal of Public Health, 84 (1994), pp.493-494.

12. Retrospect on Clinton's Health Reform (11/20)

Haynes Johnson and David S. Broder, The System: The American Way of Politics at the Breaking Point, pp. xi-xiv, 194-224, 476-510. (+)

Theda Skocpol, "The Rise and Resounding Demise of the Clinton Plan," Health Affairs, 14 (1995), pp. 66-85. (+)

Hugh Heclo, "The Clinton Plan: Historical Perspective," Health Affairs, 14 (1995), pp. 86-98. (+)

Vicente Navarro, "The Politics of Health Care Reform in The United States, 1992-1994: A Historical Review," International Journal of Health Services, 25 (1995), pp. 185-201.

13. Medicare: Perspectives from the Nineties (11/27)

Marmor, The Politics of Medicare, pp. 93-182.

14. Health Services Research and its Transformations (12/4)

Daniel Fox, "The Development of Priorities for Health Services Research: The National Center, 1974-1976," Milbank Memorial Fund Quarterly, 54 (1976), pp. 237-248. (+)

Bradford Gray, "The Legislative Battle Over Health Services Research," Health Affairs, 11 (1992), pp. 38-66. (+)

John Wennberg, "Perspective: AHCPR and the Strategy for Health Care Reform," Health Affairs, 11 (1992), pp. 67-71. (+)

Evan Melhado, "Innovation and Public Accountability in Clinical Research," Milbank Memorial Fund Quarterly, 77 (1999), pp. 111-172. (+)

15. Clouds over the "Managed Care Revolution" (12/11)

Robert Kuttner, "Must Good HMOs Go Bad?", New England Journal of Medicine, 338 (1998), pp. 1558-1563, 1635-1639. (+)

George Anders, Health Against Wealth: HMOs and the Breakdown of Medical Trust, pp. 74-91, 132-149, 190-209. (+)

Kip Sullivan, "Managed Care Plan Performance Since 1980: Another Look at 2 Literature Reviews," American Journal of Public Health, 89 (1999), pp. 1003-1009. (+)

Jacob S. Hacker and Theda Skocpol, "The New Politics of U.S. Health Policy," Journal of Health Politics, Policy and Law, 22 (1997), pp. 317-338. (+)

(+) Indicates reading available in folders on reserve in DCPM.

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